

## 2015-J2958

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 15th Anniversary of the Harlem Children Society on July 2, 2015

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the students they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize those illustrious educational organizations within this great State and Nation whose focus and intent have made a substantial impact on the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Harlem Children Society to be celebrated with an Induction Ceremony at New York University's Kimmel Center on Thursday, July 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Harlem Children Society will be inducting more than 300 under-resourced and under-served students from over 100 schools in New York City, nationwide, and around-the-world; these young men and women will perform research throughout the summer and at year-round after school programs, with over one thousand mentors, all of whom are seasoned scientists, engineers, and doctors; and

WHEREAS, Founded on June 5, 2000, the Harlem Children Society is a private non-profit organization founded by Dr. Satyajit Bhattacharya, who currently serves as its President and Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Harlem Children Society has been dedicated to promoting and evolving innovative hands-on scientific research programs in bio-medicine, engineering, technology, and allied fields; and

WHEREAS, Today, this highly sought-after educational program continues to pair leading scientists, engineers and doctors in reputed institutions and universities with children and youth from families living in under-served communities; and

WHEREAS, Committed to helping disadvantaged students excel in STEM fields, the Harlem Children Society's programs seeks to increase entre-

preneurship, generate hope, and equip its community with the knowledge and awareness to propel young people in their future careers; and  
WHEREAS, The success of the Harlem Children Society is in direct correlation to the efforts of its devoted staff and STEM volunteers, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of this organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those educational programs which enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Harlem Children Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Satyajit Bhattacharya, President and Chief Executive Officer, the Harlem Children Society.